

Rummage Sale Planned By Cub Scouts

A rummage sale will be sponsored Oct. 8 and 9 by members of Cub Scout Pack 218-C at the corner of Lomita Boulevard and Woodward Avenue in Lomita. Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Oct. 8 and 8:30 until 2 p.m. Oct. 9.

Sale items will include good used clothing for the entire family, household items, bedding, and furniture.

Pickup of donations for the sale may be arranged by telephoning Aldon Ellington, DA 6-7263.

... Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

Americans have always been known as the "good guys" who fight the "dragons" and the "bad guys" — in whatever form they appear. Sincere appreciation of these efforts has not always been forthcoming — in fact, more often than not, a good slap in the face has been a more realistic reward.

Because we Americans can travel from one continent to another with apparent ease and pockets bulging with greenbacks, people in all countries seem to think that

all Americans are rich. So a new game has developed over the years. Anybody can play — as long as there is an American around. It's called simply, "Fleeing the Lamb."

The variations of the game are endless. Each player can make up his own rules. But the rules must be one-sided. The lamb is not permitted to resist while being fleeced — after all, there's enough wool for everyone, so why not take it? Actually, the player (commonly called "the fleecer") does pay for the wool in some way. It may only be a gesture — but never can it be that the wool is really worth.

CAMEL DRIVERS in Egypt are notorious masters of the art of separating man from his hard-earned money. With this thought in mind, I approached the riding of a camel to the Pyramids and the Sphinx with great anticipation. It was a thrilling experience for me — and of course I would get a humorous camel driver. His knowledge of English was restricted to, "it's the real McCoy," "you're stupendous," "let's have some fun" and "how about a tip?"

Actually, I do allow for a continual barrage of "touches" and I play the game, as long as the touch isn't too far out of reason. My camel driver immediately put the bite on me for an American dollar as a tip. Giving it to him at the beginning of the ride, so that I would get a little special attention, was a smart move. It was smart because he took my camera and photographed me on the camel in various headresses, etc. as well as keeping almost all of the "salesmen" away from me. It wasn't so smart in another way. At the end of the ride he confided in me that, "my camel is very tired after that long ride, how about a dollar for sugar for my camel? I settled for 50 cents.

One salesman did manage to get to me on that ride. I saw him pick up a stone near the Pyramid and start to polish it. He ran over to me (I'm still majestically on the camel) and cried, "buy a lucky stone from the Pyramid." It was absurd, stupid, and idiotic, crazy, unreasonable and slightly balmy but I handed over 50 cents for the stone. Maybe I was hypnotized—that's it.

CEDARS OF LEBANON has always meant the hospital in Los Angeles to me — that is until I visited Beirut, Lebanon. The real Cedars of Lebanon have been used for centuries in the building of temples, mosques, and other important structures. What better gimmick to sell the American tourist but a twig from the real Cedars there. The "salesmen" harangued me but I wouldn't budge—what can I do with just a twig?

Talk about the usefulness of some of these crazy things that they sell — there seems to be none. Even as souvenirs, they're not too impressive. Imagine lining up your mantel with odds and ends that we Americans would classify as junk — but after a long journey they could soothe your lonely winter evenings with fond remembrances of "being taken" in a far off land.

I resisted completely the Arab along the Nile who insisted that a small vial of water from the Nile would be good luck to me. But toward the end of my long journey I encountered a rough and domineering character in Jerusalem. Of all places — in the Garden of Gethsemane — while I was drinking in all of the historical significance of such a holy place.

Assessor Gets Top Honors

Three top awards at the annual conferences of the International Association of Assessing Officers were presented to County Assessor Watson and one of his staff appraisers, Robert C. Mason. The conference was held in Houston, Tex.

Watson was presented with the IAAO's "Most Valuable Member" award, highest honor the association can bestow.

HE WAS also named winner of the McCarren award, given to the IAAO member for the most outstanding job of promoting the work of the association during the past year.

At the same time, Mason, senior appraiser in the Assessment Standards Division of Watson's office, won the IAAO Donehoo Essay Contest. Subject to his \$100 award-winning paper was "Appraisal Statistics for Assessors."

WATSON, WHO also serves as California Chairman of the IAAO, said Mason's essay was one of six submitted in the national contest by members of the recently-chartered Los Angeles Chapter of IAAO.

At earlier conference meetings this week, Watson presented a paper on the operation of his post-audit program for verifying business property affidavits, and Mrs. Margaret Coffey, chief field deputy in the department, conducted two workshop sessions on public information programs for assessors' offices.

Gem Show Scheduled In Lomita

The annual gem show of the South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society is being presented in conjunction with Lomita Recreation Department at the Lomita Park auditorium, 24428 Eshelman Ave. Hours today are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Featured is the work of Roy L. Austin, Inglewood artisan. His replica of the national capital, recently featured on the cover of a gem and mineral magazine will be on display, as well as Austin's Howlite scale model of Death Valley borax wagons and water tank.

Other exhibits include watercolor paintings on slabs of Howlite by George and Dorothy Telford; six cases of materials by the Palos Verdes Gem and Mineral Society, 57 cases and spaces from the South Bay members with jewelry, bookends, lamps, desk sets, and tables made of precious and semi-precious materials.

THE DEMONSTRATIONS include: silversmith, Aileen Townsend and Doris and Rex Russel; and faceting of precious stones, Dr. A. J. Mathies, Lysle Claypool, Helen Robinsin and Mark Stites.

The Southern California Manufacturers of lapidary equipment and supplies has working exhibits and will answer audience questions.

The show is without admission charge and the South Bay membership has extended an invitation to all residents. The society meets at Clark Stadium, 1035 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

223rd Street Divider Eliminated; Bids Due

Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday for major improvement of 223rd Street from Avalon Boulevard to Main Street.

Board Chairman Burton W. Chace, who heads the Supervisors' Road Committee, said work is expected to begin as soon as final contracts are signed.

Work will include reconstructing and widening the two-lane road to a six-lane arterial through the rapidly expanding community.

The project also provides for curbs, gutters, pavement and drainage structures.

Under a previous bid call, a contract was let for the improvement at a cost of

\$352,595. The work was not done, however, and the project was readvertised with the plans modified to eliminate a center divider along the thoroughfare.

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